

# The Pilgrim Messenger

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## PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

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*"A Church inspired by the Word and Empowered by the Holy Spirit."*  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## WEEKLY WORSHIP

### Tuesday:

9:30 am—Bible Study

### Wednesday:

12:00 Noon—Bible Study

6:00 pm—Prayer Service

6:30 pm—Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm—Youth Bible Study

### Sunday:

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship Service

10:30 am—Children's Church

**Sunday Nursery Schedule  
for April: 14, 21, 28**

*(Communion is April 7.)*

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# Holy Week at Pilgrim

*Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Feast, Children's Easter Program, and Resurrection Day Worship*

Pilgrim's Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board, delivered the Resurrection Day message, "Stand Up for Jesus", Acts 21:1-14. He said the lilies that adorned the altar this year did not come into full bloom until Easter — as a celebration to our Risen Lord! The lilies and live palms for Holy Week were prepared by Mrs. Nanelle Due, and Pastor Board publicly thanked Mrs. Due for her ministry of providing fresh flowers on the altar all year.



Before morning worship on March 31, the children and youth participated in a special Easter presentation, produced and directed by the Special Project Ministry. Kudos to these dedicated young women who spend many hours all year working with our young people: *Staci Wright, Matti Chappel, Diedre Harvey, Bethanne Holfield, and Mia Rigsby.* (More on Page 4.)

A Palm Sunday message was delivered by Minister David Sidney. Below, after morning service, Pilgrim worshippers collectively waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna to the King of Kings!"

The Lydians Ministry once again presented the beautiful and reverent annual "Maundy Thursday Feast" on March 28. (See Page 4.)

*"The next day a great multitude . . . when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!'" - John 12:12, 13 NKJV*



**Worshippers at Pilgrim praise with palms on March 24, 2013.**

## VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Pilgrim Baptist Church is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation through the belief in the Ministry of Jesus Christ and the empowerment of excellence in all people through Christian education and community activism."

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

The Pilgrim Messenger is available each first Sunday. News items should be submitted by the 15th of the month for the following month's publication.

Current and past issues are posted on Pilgrim's Web site, managed by Janie Wilson-Cook:  
[www.pilgrimbaptist.org](http://www.pilgrimbaptist.org)

**SPECIAL EVENTS & INFORMATION****Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. / Communion each First Sunday****APRIL, 2013****Tue - 09: Election Day (Local 6am-7pm)**

**Sun - 14 - 2:00-4:00 pm:** Celebration of Mrs. Beatrice Taylor in the African American Gallery of the Ethnic Heritage Museum. *(She will be 108 years on April 19.)*

**Sun - 14 - 4:30 pm:** Kantorei, Singing Boys of Rockford in Concert at Pilgrim; no admission charge; community is invited

**Sat - 20 - 2:00 pm:** Hat Luncheon at Pilgrim hosted by Pastor's Care Ministry; \$10 donation; community is invited. *(See below)*

**Sun - 28 - 6:00 pm:** Rev. Elton Allen and Voices of Zion Gospel Concert at Pilgrim *(including Beverly Owens of Pilgrim)*; no admission charge; community is invited

**MAY, 2013**

**Sat - 04 - 2:00 pm:** Party at Pilgrim for Rosalynd Mincy, who will graduate from the U. of I. School of Medicine at Rockford

**Sat - 11 - 11:30 am:** Annual Spring Luncheon to Honor Mothers, sponsored by Women's Ministry. Guest speaker, Rev. Charlene B. Mills, Pastor, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church. The community is invited. *(See Page 3.)*

**Sun - 12: Mother's Day**

*Happy Mother's Day  
to All Mothers!*

**Sun - 19 - 4:00 pm:** Pilgrim goes to Progressive Missionary Baptist Church for Nurses Annual Day.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

(Anniversaries are Labeled)

**APRIL, 2013**

08 Janet Mitchell  
12 Mary Ish Carter  
18 Greta Foster  
19 Mother Beatrice Taylor\*  
*\*Celebrating 108 years!*  
20 Clara Anthony  
20 Nan Mynatt  
22 Albara Morris  
24 Matti Chappel  
24 Marquon Williams  
27 Minister Carl L. Towns  
27 Vivette Hall  
29 Giovanni Van

**MAY, 2013**

02 Rochelle Emanuel	16 Bretia Smith
03 Beverly Owens	18 Deacon Emeritus Carl O. Towns
04 Patricia Fricks	19 B. B. Owens
05 Deacon Roby & Sonia Johnson <i>(Anniversary)</i>	20 Deanna LeShoure
05 Eboni White	20 Dorothy Tolbert
05 Angeline Whitelow	21 Ophelia White
05 Anaya Wright	23 Shatiqua "Tiki" Brown
06 Catherine Dixon	25 Andrea Hamberlin
06 Deacon Robert Owens	28 Mitch Chappel
06 Jahleel Price	28 Precious Sims
12 Scott Melan	31 Deacon Samuel & Jean Gaynor <i>(Anniversary)</i>

**Baby-Girl Shower for the Tennysons**

Pilgrim's Chief Musician, Brother Tony Tennyson, and his wife, Rev. Lasha Tennyson, were honorees at a baby-girl shower after morning worship on Sunday, March 24. *(Houstyn Ari Tennyson arrived on April 3rd, weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz.)* They received many gifts,



Matti Chappel  
serves  
the Tennysons

and a fun time was had by all with games and refreshments which included a delicious "Heath Bar" cake! Sponsors of this event were the Music and Special Project Ministries.

**PASTOR'S CARE MINISTRY  
HOSTS HAT LUNCHEON!**

The community is invited to a  
**Hat Luncheon at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2013**  
at Pilgrim.



In addition to food, there will be good fun, fellowship, and prizes for unique hats worn by both men and women!

Donation is \$10.

For more information or tickets, contact Janet Mitchell, President of the Pastor's Care Ministry, at 815-505-0391; or contact the office at 815-968-4449.



# Congratulations!

■ **Mrs. Beatrice Taylor**, aka “Mother Taylor,” will celebrate her **108th birthday on April 19, 2013**. She is a long-time member of the Pilgrim family and proudly wears her Mothers Ministry pin whenever she is able to attend worship. Mother Taylor will receive special recognition from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, in the African American Room of the Ethnic Heritage Museum, 1129 South Main Street, Rockford.



■ **Rosalynd “Roz” Mincy** will graduate in May with an M.D. from the University of Illinois School of Medicine at Rockford. She was blessed to receive her first-choice match for residency at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Ohio. Cincinnati is her home town! Roz joined Pilgrim several years ago under Watch Care; and during that time, she has truly become a part of the Pilgrim family and has blessed many through her work with the Health Ministry. Everyone is invited to a party for Roz at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Pilgrim.

■ **Evon Sams** was awarded the “Outstanding Recognition” at the Elmhurst College Jazz Festival on Sunday, February 24. His proud mother, Mrs. Emma Gipson, said this is the second time Evon has received this award. Along with his college studies and many other activities, Evon is always faithful in giving God his best in the Music Ministry at Pilgrim. He uses his many instruments (particularly his favorite saxophone) to bless the congregation with his musical gifts



■ **Minister Kevin Donte’ Lambert** has completed his internship at Pilgrim under the supervision of Pastor Kenneth R. Board. This internship fulfilled a requirement for his studies at Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois, where Pastor Board is an adjunct professor. Minister Lambert’s service with Pilgrim was from September, 2012, until March, 2013. Pastor Board commented that, in addition to learning pastoral duties, Minister Lambert also spent time with the office staff, Beverly and Lorraine, to understand the management of a church and congregation. Minister Lambert is a member of West Side Church of God in Christ in Rockford.

**Love and Blessings to all of you from Your Pilgrim Family!**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning is now under way for Pilgrim’s Vacation Bible School beginning **Monday, June 10, through Friday, June 14**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm each day. **Volunteers are needed:** teachers for all age groups, arts/crafts coordinators, security detail, and other talents. To volunteer, please see chairpersons Albara Morris or Vinest Steele—or call the church office at 815-968-4449!

**Theme:** “Jesus’ Family Reunion: The Remix”

**Scripture:** “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY SPONSORS LUNCHEON TO HONOR MOTHERS!

The “**Annual Spring Luncheon to Honor Mothers**” will be held at **11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013** at Pilgrim. Our guest speaker this year will be **Rev. Charlene B. Mills**, Pastor of Allen Chapel A.M..E. Church.

Rev. Mills is a “*high-energy, spirit-filled minister of the Gospel and a child of God, called by God to preach and teach the Word of God. She is a mother, grandmother, godmother, and mother in the ministry.*” She will be introduced by her husband, **Evangelist Dr. Dimitri Mills**.



**Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who has served in the role of mother!**

Tickets may be purchased from Women’s Ministry members or by calling the Pilgrim office at 815-968-4449.

**Adults, \$10—Children 10 & under, \$5**

President of the Women’s Ministry of Pilgrim is Albertha “Bert” Towns.

Ministry Focus for 2013: *“Discipleship in Action: Building Toward the Future!”*  
(Philippians 1:4-6)

## MAUNDY THURSDAY FEAST



Maundy Thursday is commemorated as the day before Christ was crucified. This feast is symbolic of the Last Supper Jesus shared with his Disciples.



Pilgrim's Lydians Ministry, led by Mrs. Lillie Hamberlin, with assistance from Mrs. Matti Chappel, once again presented its Annual Maundy Thursday Feast on the evening of March 28, 2013. This beautiful and reverent event is conducted by candlelight and in complete silence except for the leaders and those reading scriptures. The scripture readings were interspersed with prayers and the singing of hymns.

The tables were arranged in the shape of the Cross, and Pastor Kenneth R. Board presided at the head. He explained the symbolic meal of matzos (unleavened bread), lamb, bitter herbs, egg, fruit, and grain. After he had conducted the rite of Holy Communion and prayed, everyone stood to sing the hymn, *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds,”* as they exited the room silently!



### “MODELING FOR JESUS”

On Easter morning, children and youth at Pilgrim walked the “red carpet” to a microphone where they gave memorized recitations to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and to tell the world that “He Lives!” Shown with them are Pastor and Mrs. Board and tutors from the Special Project Ministry.



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